

SYNTHESIS OF ALKOXY DERIVATIVES OF DECAHYDRO-*closo*-DECA-BORATE ANION⁺

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Synthesis of alkoxy derivatives of *closo*-decaborate anion [1- and 2-B₁₀H₉OR]²⁻ by reaction of the hydroxy derivatives with corresponding alkyl bromides was described. A new method of synthesis of 2-hydroxy derivative of *closo*-decaborate anion [2-B₁₀H₉OH]²⁻ was proposed.

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The decahydro-*closo*-decaborate anion [B₁₀H₁₀]²⁻ (Fig. 1) has been considered as potential boron moiety for boron neutron capture therapy of cancer².

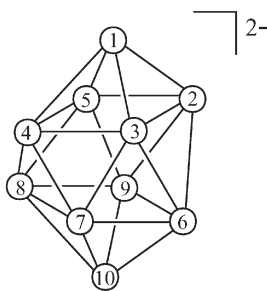


FIG. 1
Structure and numbering of atoms in the [B₁₀H₁₀]²⁻ anion

+ Preliminary results of this study, see ref.¹

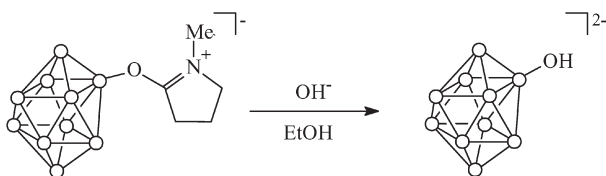
A common approach has been to use the decaborate clusters either alone³ or attached to high-capacity carriers such as poly(amidoamine) (PAMAM or "starburst") dendrimers (macromolecules that can be linked to receptor-specific targeting agents)⁴. The use of *closo*-decaborate-substituted four- or five-generation PAMAM dendrimers as high-capacity carriers conjugated to monoclonal antibodies^{5,6}, bispecific antibodies⁷, and epidermal growth factor⁸⁻¹⁰ to target brain tumors, or folic acid¹¹ and vascular endothelial growth factor¹² to target other tumor types have been described. More recently the *closo*-decaborate was shown to be reasonable linker for attachment of radiohalogens to tumor-targeting proteins and peptides in radio-nuclide diagnostics and therapy¹³. Development of medicin applications of the *closo*-decaborate anion stimulates synthesis of novel functional compounds on its basis. Recently we reported synthesis of Schiff bases and benzylamines as well as its hydroxy derivative¹⁶ derived from the *closo*-decaborate anion^{14,15}. In this contribution we report synthesis of 1- and 2-alkoxy derivatives of the *closo*-decaborate anion by alkylation of the corresponding hydroxy derivatives.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis of both isomers of hydroxy derivatives of the *closo*-decaborate anion, $[1\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OH}]^{2-}$ and $[2\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OH}]^{2-}$, was described recently. The 1-hydroxy-*closo*-decaborate was prepared by the reaction of the corresponding diazonium derivative $[1\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2]^-$ with hydroxide ions¹⁵ and the 2-hydroxy-*closo*-decaborate was obtained by alkaline hydrolysis of the corresponding acetate $[2\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{Me}]^{2-}$ (ref.¹⁷). However, in our hands the latter method did not give the pure product. This could be explained by formation of admixture of di- and/or triacetates in the synthesis of $[2\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{Me}]^{2-}$ (ref.¹⁸), which hydrolysis, results in admixture of corresponding hydroxy derivatives. Similar situation takes place in the synthesis of hydroxy derivative of the *closo*-dodecaborate anion $[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{OH}]^{2-}$ by alkaline hydrolysis of the corresponding acetate $[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{Me}]^{2-}$; however, in this case admixture of dihydroxy derivatives can be easily removed due to different solubility of tetrabutylammonium salts of the mono- and dihydroxy derivatives in water¹⁹.

To prepare pure $[2\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OH}]^{2-}$ we developed a new method based on alkaline hydrolysis of *N*-methylpyrrolidonium derivative of the *closo*-decaborate anion $[2\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{NMP}]^-$ (Scheme 1). This method have advantage of easy purification of anionic $[2\text{-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{NMP}]^-$ from admixture of neutral disubstituted derivatives $[\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_8(\text{NMP})_2]$. A previous similar approach was

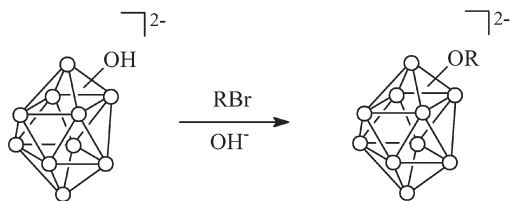
proposed for synthesis of the hydroxy derivative of the *closo*-dodecaborate anion $[B_{12}H_{11}OH]^{2-}$ (refs.^{20,21}). Synthesis and X-ray structure of $[2-B_{10}H_9NMP]^-$ were described earlier^{20,22}. We found that the tetrabutylammonium salt of the *N*-methylpyrrolidonium derivative can be used as convenient precursor for preparation of the 2-hydroxy derivative. Alkaline hydrolysis of $(Bu_4N)[2-B_{10}H_9NMP]$ in refluxing 1 M ethanolic KOH overnight resulted in formation of insoluble in ethanol potassium salt $K[2-B_{10}H_9OH]$ insoluble in ethanol completely free of admixtures of dihydroxy derivatives and the *closo*-dodecaborate anion $[B_{12}H_{12}]^{2-}$ (always present in small amounts in the starting *closo*-decaborate). The potassium salt has good water solubility and can easily be transformed into other salts by precipitation from water or using ion-exchangers.



SCHEME 1

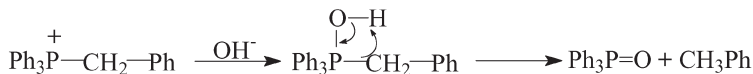
To make the alkylation procedure uniform for both isomers of hydroxy derivative the potassium salt $K_2[2-B_{10}H_9OH]$ was converted to the corresponding benzyltriphenylphosphonium salt by treatment with $(Ph_3PCH_2Ph)Cl$ in aqueous solution.

Alkylation of the hydroxy derivative of the *closo*-dodecaborate anion $[B_{12}H_{11}OH]^{2-}$ was described previously^{23,24}. In this study we carried out alkylation of both isomers of hydroxy derivative of *closo*-decaborate anion under conditions described earlier for alkylation of the hydroxy-*closo*-dodecaborate anion (DMSO, KOH; room temperature)²³. Ethyl bromide, propyl bromide, butyl bromide and isopentyl bromide were used as alkylating agents (Scheme 2).



SCHEME 2

The benzyltriphenylphosphonium cation was degraded by excess of potassium hydroxide giving triphenylphosphine oxide²⁵ (Scheme 3).



SCHEME 3

As a result, the alkoxy derivatives were obtained as water-soluble potassium salts and isolated as the tetraphenylphosphonium salts by precipitation with $[\text{Ph}_4\text{P}]\text{Cl}$ from aqueous solution. The cation of choice allows to avoid overlap of the cation and anion signals in ^1H NMR spectra.

All the compounds prepared were characterized by the ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{11}B NMR spectroscopy. Analysis of the ^1H NMR spectra of alkoxy *closo*-decaborates revealed that the signals of the O-bonded methylene groups of the 1-alkoxy derivatives $[\text{1-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OR}]^{2-}$ (3.80–3.86 ppm) appear of lower fields than the corresponding signals of the 2-alkoxy derivatives $[\text{2-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OR}]^{2-}$ (2.90–3.01 ppm). This difference can be ascribed to a stronger electron-donor effect of the *closo*-2-decaborate group than the *closo*-1-decaborate group.

CONCLUSIONS

A series of alkoxy derivatives of *closo*-decaborate anion $[\text{1-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OR}]^{2-}$ and $[\text{2-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OR}]^{2-}$ ($\text{R} = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5, \text{C}_3\text{H}_7, \text{C}_4\text{H}_9, i\text{-C}_5\text{H}_{11}$) was prepared by alkylation of the corresponding hydroxy derivatives. The compounds prepared were characterized by the ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{11}B NMR spectroscopy. A new method of synthesis of 2-hydroxy derivative of *closo*-decaborate anion $[\text{2-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OH}]^{2-}$ was proposed.

EXPERIMENTAL

$(\text{Ph}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{Ph})_2[\text{1-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OH}]$ was prepared as described in¹⁶. The ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{11}B NMR spectra (δ , ppm; J , Hz) were collected using Bruker AM360 and Bruker Avance-400 spectrometers. Signals in the ^{11}B NMR spectra of $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{2-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{NMP}]$, $(\text{Ph}_4\text{P})_2[\text{1-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OEt}]$ and $(\text{Ph}_4\text{P})_2[\text{2-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{OEt}]$ were assigned using ^{11}B - ^{11}B COSY NMR spectroscopy, an assignment of signals in other ^{11}B NMR spectra was given on analogy with spectra of the corresponding ethoxy derivatives.

Synthesis of $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{2-B}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{NMP}]$

To $(\text{Et}_3\text{NH})_2[\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10}]$ (3.00 g, 9.2 mmol) and *N*-methylpyrrolidone (50 ml) trifluoroacetic acid (2 ml) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred with heating at 60–80 °C until hydro-

gen evolution ceased (ca. 24 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the excess of *N*-methylpyrrolidone was distilled off under reduced pressure (12 mm Hg). The residue was dissolved in water (100 ml) and treated with (Bu₄N)Br (3.00 g, 9.3 mmol) in water (20 ml). The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with water and dried over P₂O₅ to give 2.30 g (53%) of the white product. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 3.62 t, 2 H (N-CH₂-); 3.34 s, 3 H (N-CH₃); 3.16 t, 8 H (Bu₄N⁺); 3.11 t, 2 H (=C-CH₂-); 2.07 m, 2 H (-CH₂CH₂CH₂-); 1.57 m, 8 H (Bu₄N⁺); 1.32 m, 8 H (Bu₄N⁺); 0.93 t, 12 H (Bu₄N⁺). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 178.0 (C=N); 58.0 (Bu₄N⁺); 51.1 (N-CH₂-); 31.2 (N-CH₃); 29.5 (=C-CH₂-); 23.5 (Bu₄N⁺); 19.6 (Bu₄N⁺); 17.3 (-CH₂CH₂CH₂-); 13.9 (Bu₄N⁺). ¹¹B NMR (115 MHz, CD₃OD): -0.8 s, 1 B (B(2)); -2.6 d, 1 B, *J* = 134 (B(10)); -5.9 d, 1 B, *J* = 135 (B(1)); -24.1 d, 2 B, *J* = 119 (B(7,8)); -25.1 d, 2 B, *J* = 118 (B(3,5)); -30.3 d, 2 B, *J* = 126 (B(6,9)); -32.8 d, 1 B, *J* = 128 (B(4)). IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): 2492 (ν_{BH}), 2469 (ν_{BH}), 2432 (ν_{BH}), 1662 (ν_{C=N}).

Synthesis of K₂[2-B₁₀H₉OH]

(Bu₄N)[2-B₁₀H₉NMP] (2.00 g, 4.02 mmol) was dissolved in 1 M solution of KOH in ethanol (80 ml) and heated at 60 °C overnight. The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with cold ethanol and dried in air to give 0.70 g (81%) of K₂[2-B₁₀H₉OH]. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, D₂O): -2.9 s+d, 2 B, *J* = 139; -4.8 d, 1 B, *J* = 139; -22.9 d, 4 B, *J* = 119; -28.3 d, 2 B, *J* = 110; -34.6 d, 1 B, *J* = 120. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): 3646 (ν_{OH}), 2499 (ν_{BH}), 2452 (ν_{BH}), 2423 (ν_{BH}).

Synthesis of (Ph₃PCH₂Ph)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OH]

A solution of K₂[2-B₁₀H₉OH] (0.56 g, 2.60 mmol) in water (20 ml) was treated with [Ph₃PCH₂Ph]Cl (2.10 g, 5.40 mmol) in water (25 ml). The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with water and dried over P₂O₅ to give 1.58 g (72%) of (Ph₃PCH₂Ph)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OH]. ¹¹B NMR spectrum (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): -3.2 s+d, 2 B, *J* = 145; -4.5 d, 1 B, *J* = 140; -22.8 d, 4 B, *J* = 121; -28.1 d, 2 B, *J* = 119; -34 d, 1 B, *J* = 125.

Synthesis of Alkoxy Derivatives (Ph₄P)₂[1-B₁₀H₉OR] and (Ph₄P)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OR].

General Procedure

To a solution of (Ph₃PCH₂Ph)₂[1-B₁₀H₉OH] or (Ph₃PCH₂Ph)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OH] (0.40 g, 0.48 mmol) in DMSO (20 ml), KOH (0.14 g, 2.42 mmol) and alkyl bromide (4.80 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. DMSO was distilled off under reduced pressure (12 mm Hg), and the residue was dissolved in ethanol followed by addition of water. The solution obtained was concentrated in vacuo, the precipitated triphenylphosphine oxide was filtered off and the filtrate was treated with a solution of [Ph₄P]Cl (0.36 g, 0.96 mmol) in water. The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with water, and dried over P₂O₅.

(Ph₄P)₂[1-B₁₀H₉OEt]. Yield 0.28 g (70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.90 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.70 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 3.80 q, 2 H, *J* = 7.6 (-OCH₂CH₃); 1.15 t, 3 H, *J* = 7.7 (-OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 135.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 135.0 (Ph₄P⁺); 134.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 131.0 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 118.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 66.2 (-OCH₂CH₃); 19.0 (-OCH₂CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 23.1 s, 1 B (B(1)); -13.8 d, 1 B, *J* = 134 (B(10)); -31.5 d, 4 B, *J* = 125 (B(2-5)); -33.5 d, 4 B, *J* = 126 (B(6-9)).

(Ph₄P)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OEt]. Yield 0.20 g (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.90 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.72 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 3.01 q, 2 H, *J* = 7.6 (-OCH₂CH₃); 0.76 t, 3 H, *J* = 7.6

(-OCH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 140.6 (Ph₄P⁺); 139.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 139.7 (Ph₄P⁺); 135.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 135.6 (Ph₄P⁺); 123.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 122.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 70.4 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 23.5 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): -2.0 s, 1 B (B(2)); -3.2 d, 1 B, *J* = 139 (B(10)); -5.6 d, 1 B, *J* = 139 (B(1)); -23.8 d, 4 B, *J* = 109 (B(3,5,7,8)); -29.3 d, 2 B, *J* = 125 (B(6,9)); -34.3 d, 1 B, *J* = 125 (B(4)).

(Ph₄P)₂[1-B₁₀H₉OPr]. Yield 0.21 g (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.83 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.62 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 3.80 t, 2 H, *J* = 6.5 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 1.66 m, 2 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 0.90 t, 3 H, *J* = 7.2 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 135.0 (Ph₄P⁺); 134.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 134.5 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.3 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 72.9 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 25.3 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 10.9 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 23.3 s, 1 B (B(1)); -13.9 d, 1 B, *J* = 140 (B(10)); -32.2 d, 4 B, *J* = 131 (B(2-5)); -32.6 d, 4 B, *J* = 132 (B(6-9)).

(Ph₄P)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OPr]. Yield 0.24 g (58%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.89 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.68 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 2.90 t, 2 H, *J* = 7.6 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 1.15 m, 2 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 0.62 t, 3 H, *J* = 7.8 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 135.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 135.0 (Ph₄P⁺); 134.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 131.0 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 118.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 72.9 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 25.6 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₃); 11.2 (OCH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): -2.0 s, 1 B (B(2)); -3.4 d, 1 B, *J* = 139 (B(10)); -5.5 d, 1 B, *J* = 137 (B(1)); -23.9 d, 4 B, *J* = 118 (B(3,5,7,8)); -29.3 d, 2 B, *J* = 110 (B(6,9)); -34.4 d, 1 B, *J* = 123 (B(4)).

(Ph₄P)₂[1-B₁₀H₉OBut]. Yield 0.33 g (78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.78 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.65 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 3.83 t, 2 H, *J* = 6.9 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 1.63 m, 2 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 1.38 m, 2 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 0.92 t, 3 H, *J* = 7.3 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 135.6 (Ph₄P⁺); 135.1 (Ph₄P⁺); 133.2 (Ph₄P⁺); 131.0 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 118.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 71.3 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 35.2 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 19.8 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 14.8 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 24.8 s, 1 B (B(1)); -14.8 d, 1 B, *J* = 140 (B(10)); -32.5 d, 4 B, *J* = 157 (B(2-5)); -33.8 d, 4 B, *J* = 144 (B(6-9)).

(Ph₄P)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OBut]. Yield 0.30 g (72%). ¹H NMR (360 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.9 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.7 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 2.92 t, 2 H, *J* = 7.1 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 1.12 m, 4 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 0.76 t, 3 H, *J* = 7.5 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 135.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 134.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 132.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.5 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.3 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 70.2 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 34.5 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 18.9 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃); 14.2 (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): -1.8 s, 1 B (B(2)); -3.3 d, 1 B, *J* = 135 (B(10)); -5.5 d, 1 B, *J* = 135 (B(1)); -23.8 d, 4 B, *J* = 111 (B(3,5,7,8)); -29.2 d, 2 B, *J* = 124 (B(6,9)); -34.3 d, 1 B, *J* = 125 (B(4)).

(Ph₄P)₂[1-B₁₀H₉OCH₂CH₂CHMe₂]. Yield 0.38 g (81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.89 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.73 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 3.86 t, 2 H, *J* = 6.9 (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 1.77 m, 1 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 1.54 m, 2 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 0.91 d, 6 H, *J* = 6.6 (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 135.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 134.8 (Ph₄P⁺); 132.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.5 (Ph₄P⁺); 130.3 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.9 (Ph₄P⁺); 117.4 (Ph₄P⁺); 69.4 (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 41.6 (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 24.9 (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 23.0 (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 24.9 s, 1 B (B(1)); -14.9 d, 1 B, *J* = 139 (B(10)); -32.5 d, 4 B, *J* = 155 (B(2-5)); -33.8 d, 4 B, *J* = 144 (B(6-9)).

(Ph₄P)₂[2-B₁₀H₉OCH₂CH₂CHMe₂]. Yield 0.35 g (75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.91 m, 8 H (Ph₄P⁺); 7.72 m, 32 H (Ph₄P⁺); 2.96 t, 2 H, *J* = 7.5 (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 1.42 m, 1 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 1.04 m, 2 H (-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 0.73 d, 6 H, *J* = 6.9

(-OCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): -1.8 s, 1 B (B(2)); -3.3 d, 1 B, *J* = 135 (B(10)); -5.4 d, 1 B, *J* = 135 (B(1)); -23.8 d, 4 B, *J* = 115 (B(3,5,7,8)); -29.3 d, 2 B, *J* = 110 (B(6,9)); -34.3 d, 1 B, *J* = 125 (B(4)).

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